

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, beginning at line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present ~~disclosure~~ application claims the benefit of and priority to International Application Serial No. PCT/EP2003/008067 filed on July 23, 2003, which, in turn, claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/397,905, filed on July 23, 2002 and entitled IVS OBTURATOR, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--